



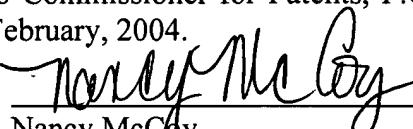
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated November 20, 2003, the Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-11 and 24-37), and further elects species "thermoset plastics" with traverse. The traversal was made on the grounds that it is believed that a single search and examination covering all claims would not place undue burden on the Examiner (See MPEP 803).

The Patent Office requests that the Applicant list all claims readable on the elected species. The following claims appear to form a group commensurate with the elected species for search and examination purposes only: claims 24-29.

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A first and favorable action is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 646-8291.

Respectfully submitted,

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